



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 of the application are pending. Claims 1-16 have been rejected. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 8 and cancelled claim 11. Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following arguments.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

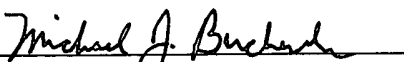
In the Office Action of May 4, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 8, 12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Schwabe (WO 00/46667). The Applicant respectfully disagrees for reasons stated in the response to the office action of August 26, 2004.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action of May 4, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9-11, and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwabe in view of US Patent No. 5,764,987 to Eidt et al. (art of record, Eidt). The Office Action concedes that Schwabe in view of Eidt does not disclose the limitation of claim 11. However, the Office Action contends that Schwabe further discloses assigning tokens or identifiers in such a way as to ensure that two symbolic names or strings are not mapped to the same identifier. However, aside from the conclusion of the Office Action being self-contradictory, Applicant respectfully disagrees that there is any evidence of a teaching, suggestion, or motivation to combine and modify the references as the Office Action suggests. The Office Action points out that there is an advantage to making the combination and modification and Applicant agrees but the Applicant disagrees that the prior art teaches, suggests, or motivates the modification of the references. Therefore,

Applicant has amended claim 8 to include the limitations of claim 11 and respectfully submits that the amended claim is allowable. This amendment is done without prejudice to the broader claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a notice of allowance.

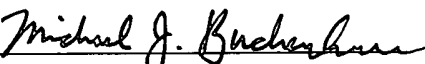
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